GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEM OF STEEL EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems being faced by the Indian Steel exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to help the steel exporters in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, the problems being faced by Indian exporters of steel inter-alia relate to:

i) Slow down in global demand for steel
ii) ADD/CVD cases initiated against Indian exports of steel in EU, USA and Canada.
iii) Infrastructural bottlenecks
iv) Rationalisation of DEPB rates
v) High input cost
vi) Low labour & capital productivity
vii) Competition from cheap imports

(c) The measures taken by the Government from time to time to facilitate exports include:

i) Setting up of Steel Exporters Forum to remove bottlenecks in exports;
ii) Full convertibility of export earnings at market rate of exchange;
iii) Facility available to exporters to import their requirement of raw materials duty free under the Advance Licensing Scheme;
iv) Refund of the duty paid on any imported or excisable material used in the manufacture of export goods;
v) Partial exemption of export earnings from income tax under Section 80 HHC and
vi) Rationalisation of duty credit rates under the Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) Scheme of most of the iron and steel items to encourage export of iron and steel.